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People

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PORTRAITS OF CLAY
July 19 - December 7, 1997

Portraits of Clay: Pottery of Mata Ortíz is an exhibition of fifty-four black and white photographs by Sandy Smith that chronicle the work of seventeen potters in Mata Ortíz, Chihuahua, Mexico. The photographs capture the potters as they create their pottery today, much the same way the Casas Grandes people made pottery 700 years ago. The images both document the process as well as offer an intimate glimpse into the lifestyle of the people of Mata Ortíz. An example of both Mata Ortíz and Casas Grandes pottery from The Field Museum's collection will be on display in the exhibit, which will be located in the Webber Gallery.

CENTER FOR CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING AND CHANGE

WELCOME!

The Center for Cultural Understanding and Change welcomes Special Projects Coordinator **Madeleine Tudor.** Madeleine earned a Masters degree in Anthropology from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1996. She has worked on the "Living Together" exhibit for the last year and will be working on new projects for CCUC. She can be reached at x669.

DIVERSITY TRAINING AT ZOO

CCUC was asked by Lincoln Park Zoo to conduct a diversity training session for their summer high school science interns. Twenty eight students attended a "pilot" program at the Museum last week using the "Living Together" framework. As part of the program, the students learned how the common concern of Home and Image affects their lives. To emphasize the importance of home and image the students were led on a tour of the Pawnee Earth Lodge, the Tuareg tent, and two Malvina Hoffman bronze sculptures. The tour was followed by a lively discussions led by CCUC Director **Alaka Wali.**

CCUC Director Alaka Wali has been appointed to the advisory board of the Dialogue between Science and Religion Program of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

***"FIELDIANA**...A GODSEND TO MALAGASY SCIENTISTS"*

The Field Museum's journal *Fieldiana* was recently praised by Biology Department Chair, James Ryan of Hobart and William Smith Colleges for its outstanding publication entitled "A Floral and Faunal Inventory of the Eastern Slopes of the

Reserve Naturelle Integrale d'Andringitra, Madag... 'With Reference to Elevational Variation." The volume was edited by Field Biologist Steven Goodman (Zoology), and according to Ryan has particular value to researchers in Madagascar because it is rare to find a comprehensive publication such as this one.

CENTER FOR EVOLUTIONARY AND ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY

Satie Airamé, graduate student in the Committee on Evolutionary Biology at the University of Chicago working with **Harold Voris** and **Bob Inger** in the Division of Amphibians and Reptiles, attended the meeting of the Society for Conservation Biology in Victoria, Canada, early in June. In a meeting section on effects of disturbance on tropical forests, Satie presented a paper on microhabitat selection by frogs living inside and outside the boundaries of the Kinabalu Park, Sabah, Malaysia. Maklarin Lakin, Sabah Parks, was co-author of the paper. This project of Sabah Parks is one of the direct results of the workshop on monitoring amphibian populations in southeast Asia given in 1995 under the direction of Bob and Harold. Bob helped initiate the project and Satie is now providing important assistance to Sabah Parks staff, while she simultaneously works on her own dissertation program in the Kinabalu Park.

Other news from Amphibians and Reptiles: Harold Voris left for southern Thailand where he will continue his work on populations of aquatic snakes and begin a cooperative program with the Royal Forestry Department of Thailand on monitoring frog populations.

EDUCATION

Maureen Ransom was invited to participate in the "Chicago-Mexico Dialogue Conference", June 12-14 sponsored by The Mexican Fine Arts Center Museum and The Museum of Contemporary Art. The Conference focused on binational projects, from funding strategies to successful case studies. Specific topics included audience building, alternative urban spaces, web sites and technology in Museums. Thanks to **Phil Hanson, Mary Ellen Munley** and **Diane White**, free admission was provided on Saturday, June 14 to all guests from both National and Mexican Cultural Institutions who attended the Conference. About nineteen guests took us up on it!

TROLLEY SERVICE AT THE MUSEUM CAMPUS

Through Labor Day, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Museum Campus is now offering a free trolley service throughout the campus including the south Soldier Field parking lot. Two trolleys will make museum attractions more accessible for visitors from the various parking locations around the campus. The trolleys, made possible by Peoples Energy Corp., will be fueled by clean-burning natural gas and to represent a positive step toward reducing vehicle emissions on Chicago's lakefront. **Fay Hartog Levin,** our new Vice President for External Affairs, negotiated this wonderful new service for our visitors.

The *Natural News* is edited by **Carolyn Klyce** in the President's Office. The deadline for all submissions -- in WordPerfect on floppy disk or via Email to klyce@fmppr.fmnh.org -- is Tuesday at noon.

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NUTS & BOLTS

FRANKLIN PLANNER USERS UNITE!

"B" - Brown bag lunch
Noon -- Wednesday, July 16
Dining Room C/D

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Jaci Carter (x217)

PARKING PERMITS

How to get a pass:

- ☞ Monday - Friday, monthly passes will be sold during the normal cashier hours of 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
- ☞ On pay days, the cashier will have extended hours from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Purchasing of monthly passes and payroll check cashing will be offered during those extended hours. On pay day, the cashier will also be open from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. for the purchasing of monthly passes only -- no check cashing.
- ☞ You may also purchase your pass through payroll deduction. You may only change your monthly pass deduction one time each year. Human Resources will distribute monthly passes along with paychecks. The department individual responsible for picking up paychecks will also be responsible for picking up and giving out monthly passes.

Thank you!

Many thanks to everyone who made the Planned Giving Seminar on June 25 a success:

Audio Visual Library — Special thanks to **Bob Cazy** for his support and patience. We couldn't have done it without **Ben Williams** and his staff members.

Thanks also to **Housekeeping, Security, Shipping** and **Visitor Services.**
We appreciate all of your help!

Susan VandenBosch
Hershey Escudero

THANKS to all who supported the benefit "Dancin' With The Grass" of the Crossroads Fund Organization. We were able to meet our goal of raising $41,000, thanks to your support and generosity!!! Unfortunately, none of us at the Field Museum won either of the grand prizes. Maybe next time.....

Maureen Ransom

FIELD MUSEUM FAN MAIL

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 14, 1997

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to send greetings to each of you attending the Parent Involvement Recognition Program & Luncheon at the Field Museum in Chicago, Illinois.

I send congratulations to the parents, children and supporters of the Parental Involvement Project on your hard work and dedication this past year. As science is beginning to show us, what happens in the earliest years of our children's lives has important effects on their intellectual, emotional and physical development. The Parental Involvement Project is a significant way for parents to instill habits of lifelong learning in their children. The arts have always been a unifying force in our world, bringing people together across vast cultural, social, economic and geographic divisions. I commend the Field Museum for helping parents to recognize the important role they can play in a child's educational and cultural instruction. It is my hope that your efforts will encourage others to become involved in the educational development of our nation's children.

Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable afternoon. Congratulations on your accomplishment.

Sincerely yours,

Hillary Rodham Clinton

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June 9, 1997

John W. McCarter, Jr.
President, and Chief Executive Officer
The Field Museum
Roosevelt Road at Lake Shore Drive
Chicago, IL 60605

Dear John,

Thank you so very much for your continued support of our "Magical Memories Tour." From the very beginning, it was clear that you saw the value of our tour coming to the Museum Campus and lobbied to make it happen.

Certainly without your support and the support of your incredibly talented staff, our event would not have been the success that it was. I want to specifically point out a few folks whose efforts clearly went "above and beyond:"

Carol Konieczny, whose role as Museum Campus "liaison" and tireless attention to detail kept the entire project afloat.
Ron Cundiff, whose well-trained staff and close relationship with the Chicago Police Dept. insured that we had an event without any "incidents." In addition, Ron's quick assessment of our stage location on Friday saved our technical crew countless hours of overtime...
Ray Van Hook, who "held down the fort," backing up Ron on security at every level...
Ray Bondoc, whose quick thinking allowed us to easily change our character meet and greet location, saving our guests and yours much inconvenience...
Michael Benham, whose housekeeping and maintenance team saved the day when the Chicago Park District decided at the last minute (after nearly everyone had left on Friday!) that the grounds were not "clean enough"...
Pat Kramer and Becky Lopez, whose P.R. efforts insured fabulous write-ups in both papers as well as TV interest.

I've probably overlooked someone whose contribution to our success was invaluable, so please thank everyone for a job well done.

I hope there will be an opportunity for us to work together again soon.

Sincerely,

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